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MEDIA ADVISORY

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PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION GRANTED AGAINST MULLENS MARKET LIQUOR STORE OWNERS

WHO: Deputy City Attorney Makini Hammond, Senior DART Prosecutor; San Diego Police Lieutenant Boyd Long

WHAT: A preliminary injunction has been granted against the owners of Mullens Market at 3011 Imperial Avenue in Logan Heights. The owners of the property have been ordered to cease the sale of malt liquor and fortified wine; employ licensed uniformed security guards; and stop the loitering on the property's parking lot. Today signs will be posted pursuant to the court order. The preliminary injunction was granted after a sixteen-month investigation by the City of San Diego's Drug Abatement Response Team, (DART) which resulted in forty-six narcotic and twenty alcohol related arrests, including a five month undercover "buy-walk" operation which resulted in twenty-three felony narcotic arrests for sales made on, or initiated on the property. DART also alleges that liquor store owners knowingly employed gang members as their security guards. DART is the City of San Diego's Drug and Nuisance Abatement Task Force comprised of the City Attorney's Office, the San Diego Police Department and the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department. City Attorney Casey Gwinn says, "This abatement action is intended to provide the community relief from the criminal and nuisance activity that has been occurring on this property for years."

WHERE: Mullen's Market, 3011 Imperial Avenue

WHEN: Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m. ###



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